Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). A method of validating fields of a form in a client-server transaction, ~~having~~ utilizing executable instructions, comprising:

receiving a form having ~~one or more~~ a plurality of fields on a server;

receiving from a client input data associated with one ~~or more~~ of the fields of the form, wherein the input data is received on the server prior to receiving input data for other fields of the form; and

validating the input data on the server once received ~~or as received~~ within ~~one of the fields~~ the one field of the form, wherein the validating occurs for the one field prior to validating data for other fields of the form and prior to the user providing data in other fields of the form.

2 (original).   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

notifying the client as soon as an error is detected, if detected at all, within one of the fields of the form.

3 (original).   The method of claim 2, further comprising:

identifying a specific resolution if an error is detected and communicating the resolution immediately to the client.

4 (original).   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

processing the form after each field has been properly completed by the client.

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5 (original).   The method of claim 4, wherein the form is associated with a shipping request.

6 (original).   The method of claim 1 wherein communication between the client and the server occurs over the Internet.

7 (original).   The method of claim 6, wherein the form is displayed within a browser.

8 (currently amended).   A method of processing a form during a client-server transaction, ~~having~~ utilizing executable instructions, comprising:

establishing a client-server transaction between a client and a server;

receiving input data from the client associated with a first ~~field~~ portion of a form, wherein the received input data does not include data associated with the remainder of the form; and

validating the input data before permitting the client to provide additional data associated with ~~a second field~~ the remainder of the form, wherein the validating operation comprises checking the input data for the first portion of the form for proper format and indicating any error in the format before permitting the client to provide additional data associated with the remainder of the form.

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10 (currently amended). The method of claim [[9]] 8, further comprising:

suggesting a correction to the client to remedy the error if present.

11 (original). The method of claim 8, wherein the client-server transaction occurs over the Internet using a browser interface.

12 (original). The method of claim 8, wherein the form is associated with a bill of lading.

13 (currently amended). The method of claim 8, further comprising:

providing interactive help for [[the]] fields of the form upon a request of the client.

14 (currently amended). The method of claim 8, further comprising:

linking a profile to the first and second fields of the form.

15 (currently amended). The method of claim 14, further comprising:

automatically populating the first and second fields of the form based on the profile.

16 (original). The method of claim 15, further comprising:

completing the form and a client request with a single client selection identifying the profile.

17 (currently amended).   A method of processing a shipping form having executable instructions, comprising:

receiving on a server input data representing one portion of a shipping form displayed on a ~~sever identified by a~~ client, the displayed shipping form having ~~one or more~~ a plurality of modifiable fields, wherein the input data is received on the server for the one portion prior to the user inputting input data on the client for any other portion of the displayed shipping form; and

interactively validating on the server ~~any~~ the received input data for the one portion of the displayed shipping form ~~inserted by the client into one or more of the fields as the input data are provided by the client~~ prior to the user inputting input data on the client for any other portion of the displayed shipping form and without requiring the user to activate a submit button.

18 (original). The method of claim 17, further comprising:

associating a user's account with the shipping form.

19 (original). The method of claim 18, further comprising:

establishing a user's history associated with completing the shipping form.

20 (original). The method of claim 19, further comprising:

creating a customized report associated with the user's account or the user's history.

21 (currently amended).   The method of claim 17, further comprising:

bypassing the validating step and automatically providing valid input data to populate the ~~fields~~ <u>shipping form</u> based on a user's profile associated with the shipping form.

22 (original). The method of claim 21, wherein the user's profile is maintained on the server.

23 (original). The method of claim 21, wherein the user's profile is maintained on the client.

24 (original). The method of claim 21, wherein a single selection by the client initiates the bypass step and submits a completed shipping form for processing.